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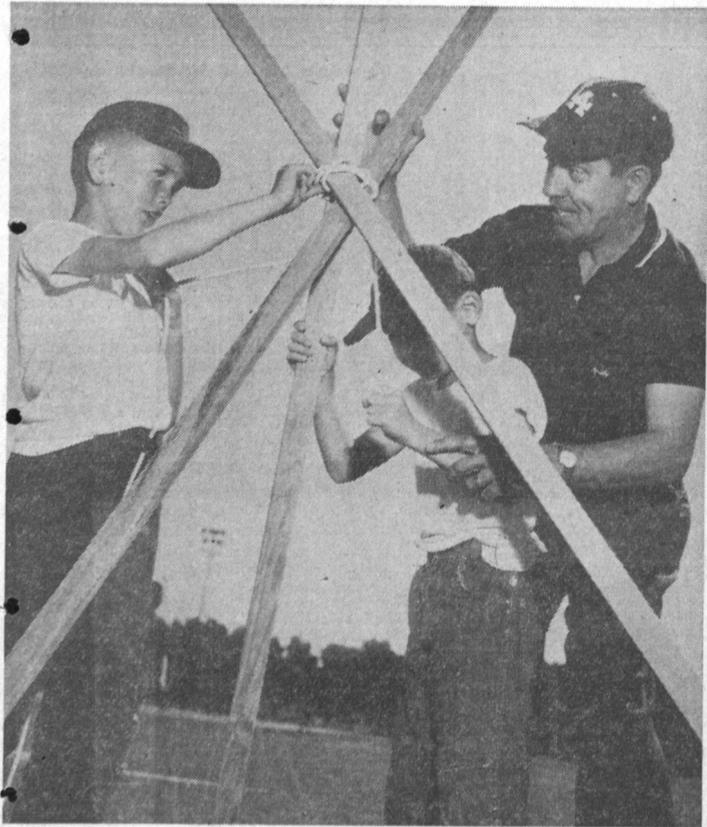
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TEPEE TRACKS—Play director Les Brienfeldt camping at McMasters Park. This and a variety of other outdoor activities will be offered by the Recreation Department this summer.

Variety is Offered in Recreation Program

There's a summer full of fun in a comprehensive program announced by the Torrance Recreation Department.

"We've planned carefully to provide relaxing, creative, healthful activities for all ages and references," declared Recreation Director Harry Van Bellehem.

The summer program was kicked off yesterday with the opening of Benstead Plunge at 3331 Torrance Blvd. The pool, popular with all ages, will be open daily from 1 until 5 p.m., 7 until 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.; Sundays, noon until 6 p.m. Special evening sessions for adults are planned Thursdays and Fridays. Admission is 20 cents for children under 13 years and 25 cents for others. Learn-to-swim meetings and similar safety courses are scheduled.

Park Program

Myriad activities are planned at the city's six parks and 15 school playgrounds to keep youngsters occupied. Parks are open every day and the playgrounds will be open week days from 1 until 5 p.m. School playgrounds open June 29.

Special programs at some of the play areas include story-telling sessions by Mrs. Elsie Pestof, talent shows, field trips, golfing lessons, day camps, movies and the popular "fun with music" programs led by Jim Davidson.

The Arts and Crafts Center at 1511 Cravens Ave. has planned varied activities for children, teen-agers and adults to try their handicraft talents. Open house at the center on June 19 from 3 until 5 and 7 until 9 p.m. will show the many types of activities that will begin next week.

Golf Lessons

In addition to the golfing lessons at the play areas, links programs for persons of all ages are the offering at Sea-Aire Golf Course. These will include tournaments sponsored by the course's teen-age and women's clubs.

A week-long camping session is set for Aug. 22. It is open for at a resort near Big Bear Lake boys and girls from 10 through 12 years of age.

Judy Weiss and Joan Tewkesbury will give dancing instruction at Civic Auditorium, 1349 El Prado, starting June 22. Classes are planned for various ages through high school. Vern Clary again will direct young thespians in Sunday afternoon drama sessions at the Torrance Park bandshell.

Approve Aide for Works Post

Creation of the post of assistant to the director of public works was approved by City Council despite opposition from two councilmen.

Wade E. Peebles, director of public works, asked that an examination for the post, which will pay a salary range from \$662 to \$724 per month, be called.

Councilman Nicholas O. Drale, who along with Willys Blount opposed the new position, said that Peebles should get along without it for the year because of the city's tight financial condition.



LITTLE SQUAW—Patsy Roach, 7, a blonde Indian, is making pottery during an Indian lore meeting at the Arts and Crafts Center, 1511 Cravens Ave. The class is one of several handicraft sessions to be held for various age groups.

Use of On-Duty Policemen for Rancho Days Work Hit

Protests against uniformed policemen soliciting for a Rancho Days magazine were voiced by several downtown merchants this week.

"How would you feel if a couple of uniformed policemen tried to sell you something? Rather than say 'no,' you go ahead and buy it," one businessman said.

He said that two officers drove up in a police car on city time and asked him to advertise in a magazine to publicize the rodeo.

Another merchant criticized use of on-duty policemen for such purposes.

"We read in the paper that more policemen are needed to give adequate protection in line with Torrance's growth," he said.

"Well it doesn't make sense to me if they pull policemen off their regular duties and have them work on the rodeo promotion," he added.

Even female parking meter enforcement officers have been pulled off the job handing out citations, and are used to solicit for the civic event, one businessman said.

Another merchant who was contacted complained that he thought the rodeo and Rancho Days are worthy events, but felt

Murder Figure Kin Held

Thwait's Son Arrested in Bookie Raid

The son and daughter-in-law of a man facing trial on murder charges of an alleged Mafia chieftain, were arrested on bookmaking charges Friday afternoon.

Det. Sgt. Don Hamilton and sheriff's vice squad officers broke their way into the home of Ben Thwait's, 21, 2347 W. 230th St., where they arrested him and his wife, Kay, 21.

Investigators said they crashed through the door with a battering ram after they placed bets over the telephone with the pair. Inside the house, they said they found betting markers and other bookmaking evidence.

Ben Thwait's, who listed his occupation as a gambler on his booking slip, was identified as the son of John Henry Thwait's, who was arrested on murder charges, along with four other persons, for the slaying of Tony Mirabile, San Diego tavern owner, and reputed leader in the Mafia.

Officers said young Thwait's and his wife, a housewife, did a \$5000 per day betting business.

Council Trims Expenses, Cuts \$35 Trip Request

Budget-conscious councilmen trimmed a \$35 expenditure Tuesday night when they balked at Mayor Albert Isen's request to send a representative to the Governor's Advisory Committee on Children and Youth.

The mayor asked that Herbert W. Fisher of 18705 Font-hill Ave. be paid expenses to attend a Claremont workshop.

"It puts us in a bad position to pay this guy to attend a meeting; he's no city employe," said Councilman Nicholas O. Drale, in asking the request be filed.

"If the Governor wants the conference, let him pay for it," snorted Councilman George Bradford.

"If that's the way you feel about it, it's quite all right with me," said Isen, as the appropriation failed to pass.



TOASTING THE TEACHER—Members of Miss Barbara Breeden's first and second grade class toasted her (with punch) as the "best teacher of the year" at a party held last week at Arlington Elementary School. Miss Breeden has been an exchange teacher here for the past year but will return this summer to her home in Doncaster, England. Drinking to her health are Bryan Godward, Cheryl Cowlishaw and June Christie.

New Student President

Eighth grader Kristine Whitney was elected student body president at Crenshaw Elementary School recently, following school-wide voting.

Other new officers chosen by the students include Carolyn Bates, vice president; Lana Byestone, secretary; Roger Morgan, service director; Nancy Arnold, girls' athletic director; Rick Richards, boys' athletic director; and Kelly Sims, newspaper editor.

Teacher Returns to England After Year

Six-year-olds are pretty much the same the world over. That is the observation of Barbara Breeden of Doncaster, England, who for the past year, has been an exchange teacher at Arlington Elementary School. She and Mrs. Helen Wieman, Torrance teacher, traded schools under the program.

Her students and their parents last week honored Miss Breeden at a party in the room. On behalf of the class, Bobby Schreiner gave Miss Breeden a badge declaring her to be "teacher of the year," and a pen so that she could write to them.

Then everybody ate cake which was decorated with a picture of an ocean liner which Miss Breeden will board to return to England.

"Children in Torrance seem eager to learn because of their home backgrounds," Miss Breeden declared. "Parents show much more interest here. Your buildings and equipment are wonderful. There is much more equipment to work with."

Her own school in England is more than 60 years old, she said, and schools have nothing like Torrance Educational Materials Building to furnish material.

"This has been a wonderful year," she said. "I have been very happy here."

Oil Law Due Again

The new oil ordinance, designed to limit the drilling area and which carries restrictions on well owners, is expected to be submitted Tuesday with recommendations from City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier.

Several suggestions made by oil industry spokesmen have been incorporated in the new law.

CONTRACT RENEWED

South Bay Humane Society was awarded a contract for another year on its sole bid of keeping 90 per cent. of dog license fees.

Housewife Admits to Operation

A Burbank beautician was arrested Friday night shortly after he allegedly performed an illegal operation on a Torrance housewife in her home.

Booked by Torrance detectives was Clarence Eugene Santee, 47, who, they said, had two prior convictions of abortion charges.

A tip that the abortion was to be performed was received by Detectives Ralph Walker and Lee Ashman, who staked out on the house where it was to be performed. Later they apprehended the suspect in Burbank.

The 28-year-old housewife, whose name officers declined to announce, admitted that she had undergone the operation, for which she paid \$300.

Officers said that they and Robert Truitt, investigator for the Board of Medical Examiners, are still preparing to contact other possible patients.

The Torrance woman was taken to Harbor General Hospital following the operation.

Chemical Bombing of Home

Three home-made chemical bombs were hurled through a resident's home Thursday night, but both he and his wife escaped uninjured.

Police immediately probed a connection between the attack and a labor dispute at Parker Aircraft, Inglewood, where the victim, Marvin Farrington, 39, is employed as a lathe and hone specialist.

Officers said that three glasses filled with an as yet undetermined chemical, and taped over the top, were thrown into the house at 18322 Prairie Ave. at about 11:30 p.m. Thursday.

Two of the missiles crashed through the livingroom windows while another was tossed at the bedroom. Farrington and his wife were in another part of the home at the time.

Police said that Farrington had been going to work at the aircraft plant despite a strike called by the International Association of Machinists. The strike has been in progress since May 8.

Investigators said there had been attacks or threats against other non-striking employes.

Seek Analysis
Samples of the chemical were forwarded to the sheriff's crime laboratory for analysis. Although the liquid chemical was not as yet known, one witness said there was a smell of ammonia.

Neither Farrington nor his wife heard sounds of an auto after the attack. The two glasses hurled through the livingroom landed inside, while the one tossed against the bedroom window landed outside of the house.

Parker officials said they heard reports of other violence during the past two days. The company also claims that a number of employes have ignored the picket lines around the plant, which they say is working at near top capacity.

Farrington has been employed by the firm for nearly five years.

Puppet History Show

California history lived again, in the form of small puppets made by fourth and fifth graders at Calle Mayor Elementary School this week.

Members of Mrs. Katherine St. George's class put on 11 performances of California history pageants with puppets they had made in class. Parents and fellow students viewed the plays.

BOARD MEET

The Board of Education will hold its regular meeting Tuesday at 8 p.m.



THE WATER'S FINE—That's what Betty Baker, Miss Torrance, announced as she took a dip in the Victor Benstead Municipal Plunge during its opening yesterday. The pool will be the scene of learn-to-swim, lifesaving classes as well as recreational swimming during summer.